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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 76152-63336964@requests.muckrock.com

Jake Bittle
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Re: **2019-STFO-00078**

Dear Mr. Bittle:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your June 27, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), for any and all documents relating to the Future Attribute Screening Technology (FAST) system that were produced between January 1, 2016 and June 26, 2019. By "documents" you mean print or digital documents including but not limited to reports expense reports, memoranda, budgets, contracts, grants, studies, tests, plans, diagrams, evaluations, and/or schematics. This office received your request on June 27, 2019.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c).

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial requesters. As a non-commercial requester, you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication; the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00 for clerical personnel, \$7.00 for professional personnel, \$10.25 for managerial personnel) of the searcher. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. This office will contact you before accruing any further fees.

We have queried the appropriate division(s) of S&T for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability.

Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2019-STFO-00078**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number. Status information is updated daily. Alternatively, you can download the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, the free app is available for all Apple and Android devices. With the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, you can submit FOIA requests or check the status of requests, access all of the content on the FOIA website, and receive updates anyplace, anytime.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **2019-STFO-00078**. This office can be reached at 202-254-5700.

Sincerely,
Erica Talley
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FOIA Officer (Acting)